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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (four times amended) A microencapsulated and enteric coated composition comprising:

E1 a) a microencapsulated and enteric coated mixture of sorbents with specific adsorption affinities for uremic toxins wherein the sorbents comprises oxystarch, locust bean gum, and activated charcoal, wherein the enteric coating disintegrates and dissolves at or above a PH of 7.5; and

b) a bacterial source which metabolizes urea and ammonia, said bacterial source being kept within the microencapsulated coating to prevent microbial infection of patients.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-4 have been rejected. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.